

## Orsel McGhee House

Address: 4636 Seebaldt

Local

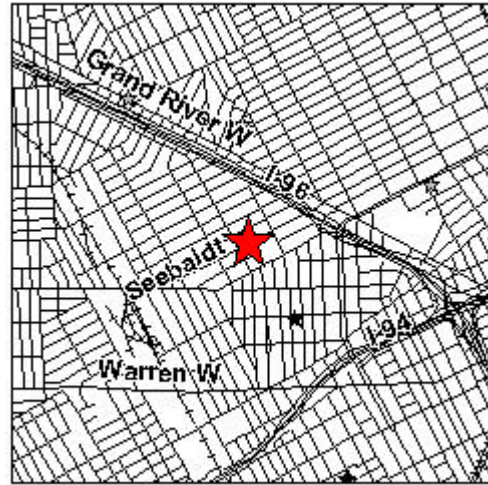
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### **Historic Overview:**

*In 1944 the Orsel McGhees, a black family, moved here into what was then an all-white neighborhood. A neighboring family won a court order revoking the McGhees' purchase of the house on the basis of a restrictive covenant forbidding nonwhite residents. The McGhees, aided by the NAACP and represented by Thurgood Marshall, appealed the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. The court's 1948 decision in favor of the McGhees upheld the principle of freedom from discrimination in the enjoyment of property rights.*

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